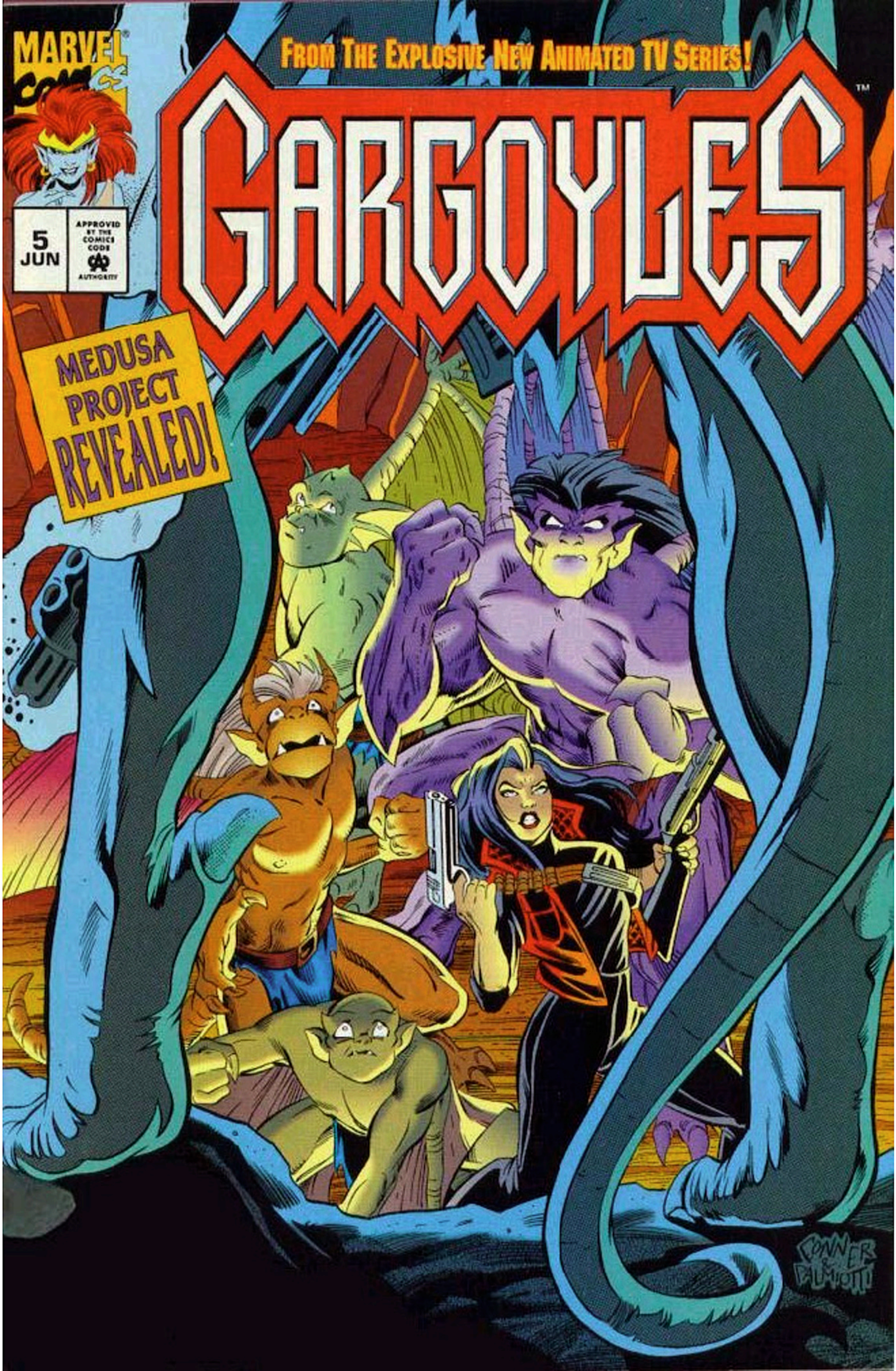
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CONNER & PALMIOTTI

FROM THE PERSONAL DIARY OF DETECTIVE SECOND CLASS ELISA MAZA, N.Y.P.D.:

As much as I love my sister, I was relieved to see her GO. Beth is great, but my current life is a little TOO hectic to be keeping an eye on her. . .

. . . and keep HER eyes off some certain GARGOYLES. She had gotten a glimpse of BROADWAY and it was enough to send her running back to school in ARIZONA!

LA GUARDIA AIRPORT DEAD AHEAD, GUYS!

FLIGHT TOWER, I'D LIKE TO REPORT A.. AN... UH, NEVER MIND!

LEXINGTON, WATCH OUT FOR THAT PLANE'S BACKWASH!

ER, ROGER WILCO, GOLIATH!

There was a beautiful crescent moon hanging in the clear sky . . . a PERFECT night for flying, though there were more than planes in the air THIS evening!

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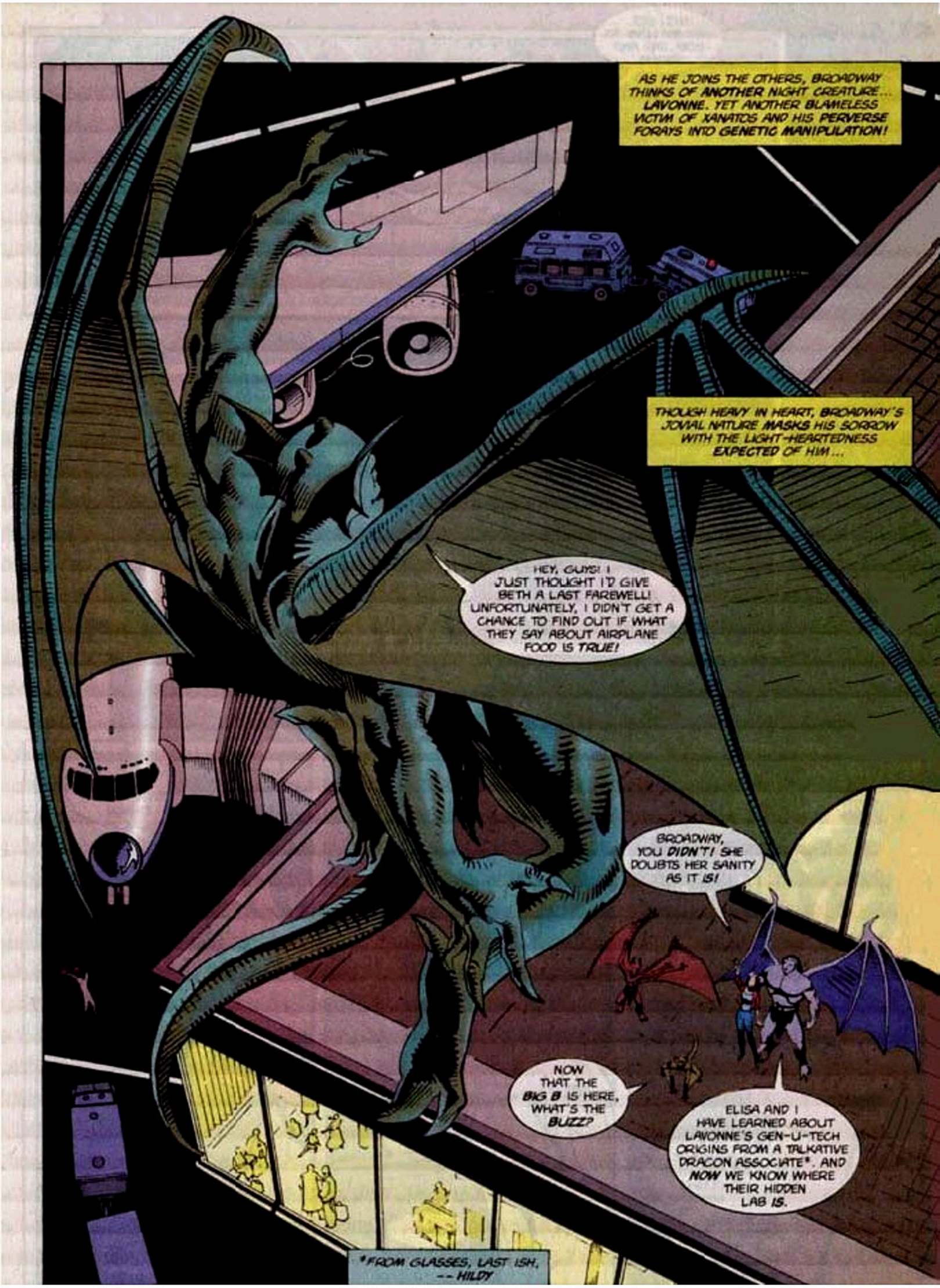
GARGOYLES
VENUS in STONE!
Beth had gotten into her share of trouble while here, yet it was HARD to say good-bye
BOARDING PASS
PLOT: MARTIN PASKO & MORT TODD
DIALOGUE: MORT TODD
BREAKDOWNS: AMANDA CONNER
FINISHES: ALBERTO SAICHANN
FLIGHT 57 TO PHOENIX, NOW BOARDING AT GATE 19. PLEASE HAVE YOUR BOARDING PASSES READY...
GATE 19
OOH, THAT'S ME! GOODBYE, ELISA! I'M SORRY I WAS SUCH A PAIN IN THE BUTT!
YOU WEREN'T A PAIN IN--
OKAY, MAYBE YOU WERE, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN I DON'T LOVE YOU, BETH!
I THOUGHT I'D SEE SOME ACTION ON MY VACATION IN NEW YORK, BUT I DIDN'T THINK I WOULD SEE MONSTERS!
COLORS: K.NEL BOLLERS
LETTERS: JOHN COSTANZA
EDITOR: HILDY MESNIK
I also felt GUILTY, letting her think she saw MONSTERS... What if she knew I hung out with SIX "monsters" almost EVERY night?

BYE, SIS! GIVE MY LOVE TO MOM, DAD AND DEREK!
I WILL! TAKE CARE!
THERE'RE THE GUYS, AS PUNCTUAL AS USUAL!
I'M ACTING LIKE A TOTAL DITZ.
I COULDN'T HAVE SEEN WHAT I THOUGHT I SAW!
"MONSTERS". INDEED! I MUST BE NUTS!
! GASP !
N-NO! I DIDN'T SEE A THING!
EEEE


AS HE JOINS THE OTHERS, BROADWAY THINKS OF ANOTHER NIGHT CREATURE... LAVONNE. YET ANOTHER BLAMELESS VICTIM OF XANATOS AND HIS PERVERSE FORAYS INTO GENETIC MANIPULATION!
THOUGH HEAVY IN HEART, BROADWAY'S JOVIAL NATURE MASKS HIS SORROW WITH THE LIGHT-HEARTEDNESS EXPECTED OF HIM...
HEY, GUYS! I JUST THOUGHT I'D GIVE BETH A LAST FAREWELL! UNFORTUNATELY, I DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO FIND OUT IF WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT AIRPLANE FOOD IS TRUE!
BROADWAY, YOU DIDN'T! SHE DOUBTS HER SANITY AS IT IS!
NOW THAT THE BIG B IS HERE, WHAT'S THE BUZZ?
ELISA AND I HAVE LEARNED ABOUT LAVONNE'S GEN-U-TECH ORIGINS FROM A TALKATIVE DRACON ASSOCIATE*. AND NOW WE KNOW WHERE THEIR HIDDEN LAB IS.
*FROM GLASSES, LAST ISH. --HILDY

LAVONNE WAS VIRTUALLY DEAD WHEN GEN-U-TECH MUTATED HER INTO A VAMPYRE WITH AN ENGINEERED TASTE FOR SOME PARTICULAR BLOOD... GARGOYLE BLOOD!
I KNOW. BUT SHE WAS VERY SPECIAL.
UNDER DIFFERENT CIRCUMSTANCES... WHO KNOWS WHAT COULD'VE HAPPENED?
THAT SICKENING GEN-U-TECH BODY CHOP SHOP IS RESPONSIBLE FOR HER MISERY... SHE BEGGED ME TO KILL HER!
TH-THEY CAN'T GET AWAY WITH IT!
THEY WON'T, BROADWAY. I KNOW YOU AND LAVONNE WERE CLOSE.
BUT NOW GOLIATH AND I HAVE EVERYTHING SET FOR A VERY DISCREET RAID TOMORROW NIGHT!
BOY! THE OL' LUG SURE IS TAKING THIS HARD!
THE LABS ARE ON A MAN-MADE ISLAND, DOWN OFF THE COAST AND OVER THREE MILES OUT.
"HIDDEN UNDER PRE-FABRICATED LANDSCAPING IS A MAZE OF UNDERGROUND LABORATORIES AND BARBARIC TESTING FACILITIES.
"THE WORD IS THAT THEY ARE READY TO RELEASE A NEW WEAPON, KNOWN ONLY AS THE MEDUSA DEVICE!"
"KNOWING THE TWISTED MIND AND HUMOR OF XANATOS, WE CAN ONLY IMAGINE ITS CAPABILITIES.
"WE'LL HIT THE ISLAND TOMORROW EVENING..."
"... BEFORE GEN-U-TECH CAN UNLEASH ANY MORE NIGHTMARES ON THE WORLD.
HEE HEE! FINALLY, WE HAVE IT!
GENETIC SAMPLE ISOLATIONS ON SCREEN, DOCTOR!

YES, THAT'S *IT!* FROM GOLIATH'S DNA SAMPLES*, WE WERE ABLE TO SIMULATE THE FLESH-TO-STONE TRANSFORMATION!

NOW THAT ALL THE "MISSING LINK" DATA HAS BEEN DECODED, IT WILL BE DOWNLOADED INTO THE MEDUSA DEVICE AND BE *FULLY* OPERATIONAL!

THIS WILL BE A WEAPON OF *SUCH* BIOLOGICAL CONSEQUENCES THAT XANATOS WILL BE AT *MY FEET!*

*HINTED AT IN THE CLASSIC GARGOYLES #1---HILDY.

LIKE THE *GORGON OF LEGEND*, MY WEAPON WILL--- EHH?!

FZZZ-SSST

PHOEBOS, WHAT ARE YOU RAMBLING *ON* ABOUT?!

MR. XANATOS, SIR!

YOUR LITTLE ISLAND LAB HAS NOT BEEN QUITE WORTH THE INVESTMENT. WE'RE LUCKY THAT VAMPIRE FIASCO DIDN'T *BLOW UP* IN OUR FACES!

BUT, SIR, THE MEDUSA PROJECT IS *ALMOST* COMPLETE. THE PROTOTYPE DEVICE SHOULD BE READY BY *TOMORROW NIGHT!*

OH, *REALLY?*

SEE THAT IT IS. WE CANNOT TOLERATE ANY MORE FAILURE, PHOBOS! GOODBYE!

SHOULD I PREPARE THE YACHT FOR AN ISLAND JAUNT, SIR?

I DON'T HAVE THE LUXURY, OWEN. HAVE THE V.T.O.L.* JET READY FOR DEPARTURE AT A MOMENTS NOTICE!

I HAVE A FEW PREPARATIONS BEFORE I HEAD TO GEN-U-TECH ISLAND!

*VERTICAL TAKE OFF & LANDING. — HILDY.

OH DEAR, OH DEAR, OH DEAR!

THIS IS MY *LAST CHANCE* AND *TOO MANY* OF OUR PROJECTS HAVE GONE... *AWRY!*

THE MEDUSA DEVICE *WILL* WORK... *HAS* TO WORK... *MUST* WORK!

THOUGH, EVEN IF ALL *ELSE* FAILS, I DO HAVE *MY BACK-UP WEAPON.*

THIS LAB CELL IS *SO* SECRET, NOT EVEN *XANATOS* KNOWS WHAT I'VE BEEN DEVELOPING HERE!

BIP BEEP

BOOP

PROJECT NOSFERATU WAS MISDIRECTED! A FEMALE VAMPIRE TO BAIT THE GARGOYLES WAS *ALL* WRONG!

WHAT I HAVE BEGAT IS A POWERFUL *NEW* HYBRID, HALF HUMAN AND HALF GARGOYLE...

... BUT NOT JUST *ANY* HUMAN OR *ANY* GARGOYLE!

YOU WILL BE THE *FIRST* WARRIOR OF AN UNBEATABLE ARMY, MY DEAR... AND TOMORROW WILL BE YOUR *BIRTHDAY!*

Late the next afternoon, the yacht clips confidently through the water, its engine the only sound breaking the eerie silence.

If anyone had seen this craft, they might have wondered why a boat was adorned with six GARGOYLES!

KRR-RK

RISE AND *SHINE*, GUYS! WE'RE ALMOST THERE!

K-K-RICH

K-KKRRRK

KREEEE-E-E-E

THIS IS A *PHAT* RIDE YOU GOT US, ELISA! WHERE'D YOU *GET* IT?

IT WAS CONFISCATED IN A *DRUG BUST* AND *WON'T* BE MISSED BY THE PREVIOUS OWNER. HE'S GONE TO A *BETTER PLACE!*

HE IS *DEAD?*

NO. *WITNESS PROTECTION PROGRAM!*

XANATOS CREATED THIS ISLAND UNDER THE PRETENSE OF IT BEING A *COASTAL GAMBLING RESORT* AND SUBMITTED THESE *SOMEWHAT QUESTIONABLE* MAPS TO THE COAST GUARD.

FROM WHAT I SEE HERE, *THIS* PART OF THE ISLAND IS THE MOST LIKELY TO HOUSE THE SECRET UNDERGROUND GEN-U-TECH LABS!

WE SHOULD ANCHOR *HERE.* ANY CLOSER AND WE MAY BE *DETECTED!*

AND HOW THEN DO YE PLAN TO *FERRY* US ALL TO THE ISLE, LASS?

UH, THAT'S *ONE* THING I HAVEN'T FIGURED OUT *YET!*

WHILE DEEP IN THE BOWELS OF THAT ARTIFICIAL ISLAND...

THAT'S *IT*... A LITTLE COSMETIC WELDING AND THE MEDUSA DEVICE IS *COMPLETE!*

FZZZZZZP

FZZZZZZZP

INTERESTING.

I *LIKE* THE NAME OF YOUR LITTLE PROJECT. FOR SOME REASON, YOUR HUMAN MYTHS ARE *MUCH* MORE AMUSING THAN YOUR *PATHETIC SPECIES!*

DEMONA!

YOU'VE GOT A *LOT* OF NERVE BEING HERE!

ME? NOW WHY DO YOU SAY THAT?

YOU HAVE TOO MUCH FREE REIN AND ACCESS TO THESE FACILITIES!

CORIOUS AMOUNTS OF EQUIPMENT, COMPONENTS AND DATA SEEM TO VANISH IN YOUR WAKE!

YOU'RE JUST PARANOID, PHOBOS. NOT THAT YOU DON'T HAVE A REASON TO BE.

YOU'RE NO DOUBT AWARE THAT IF YOUR MEDUSA DEVICE DISAPPOINTS XANATOS, IT'S YOUR FINISH!

N-NO, THAT'S NOT TRUE! MR. XANATOS---

MR. XANATOS WILL ONLY KEEP YOU AROUND IF YOU DELIVER! IT'S A GOOD THING YOU HAVE YOUR BACK-UP PLAN!

B-BACK UP PLAN?

DON'T BE MODEST, PHOBOS!

CURSE YOU! HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT CODE?! IT'S REMOTELY CHANGED EVERY HOUR!

BIP BOOP

YOU CAN'T KEEP SECRETS FROM ME, DOCTOR.

BEEP

AFTER ALL, HAVEN'T I BEEN AN IMPORTANT PART OF THIS PROJECT FROM THE BEGINNING?

DON'T FORGET WHO LURED GOLIATH AND ELISA TO GEN-U-TECH TO PROCURE BLOOD SAMPLES...

...THOUGH I MUST ADMIT, I DON'T SEE THE MERIT IN DILUTING THE PURITY OF A GARGOYLE BY HYBRIDING IT WITH A HUMAN!

AND NOT ANY HUMAN, BUT THAT SLATTERNLY ELISA MAZA!

FOR GOOD REASON.

GOLIATH HAS HAD, SHALL WE SAY, A HISTORY WITH YOU AND HAS AN OBVIOUS CONCERN FOR MAZA.

THAT IS THE TRUE GENIUS BEHIND THE WEAPON. A POWERFUL CREATURE THAT WILL DO MY BIDDING, AND SHOULD THE GARGOYLES INTERFERE, SHE WILL EXPLOIT THE WEAKNESSES OF THEIR LEADER!

AND WHEN WILL SHE "HATCH"?

SOON. VERY SOON!

Meanwhile...

I'M STARVING!

HMMM... THERE'S NOT ENOUGH WIND FOR US TO TAKE FLIGHT!

AND IF WE TAKE THE BOAT IN ANY CLOSER WE MAY BE BLOWN OUT OF THE WATER BY GEN-U-TECH SECURITY!

UNLESS A BONNY BREEZE WHIPS BY, WE'RE STUCK HERE... AND NAY DO I RELISH A BRISK SWIM AT MY AGE! WHAT WILL WE DO?

GRRR GRRR

LOOK WHAT WE FOUND! WATER SKIS!

WE CAN USE THESE TO GET TO THE ISLAND!

NOW IS NOT THE TIME FOR SPORT, LADS!

YEAH, HUDSON! REMEMBER THAT TV SHOW WE SAW WITH SKIERS HANG-GLIDING? WELL, WE'VE GOT THE BUILT-IN GLIDERS!

ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS GET ON THE SKIS, GET ENOUGH SPEED AND OPEN OUR WINGS TO CATCH SOME AIR!

ER, I HOPE THIS *WORKS!*

ALL SET, FELLAS? *HANG ON!*

YAA-HOO!

FOOOOSSH

WOW! WHAT A *RUSH!* OPEN YOUR WINGS, LEX...

JALAPENA!

RADICAL! IT *WORKS!* WE'RE CATCHING SOME *SERIOUS* AIR!

LET'S SWOOP DOWN AND DROP OFF THE SKIS TO THE *REST* OF THEM!

MAN! YOU GUYS ARE GONNA DIG THIS!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO UP WITH BROADWAY, HUDSON?

Though some of the Gargoyles may act young and foolhardy at times, I've never seen a more dedicated team of born WARRIORS! Though we could have been going into the mouth of Hades itself, they had no qualms!

I THINK I BEST LEAVE ATHLETICS TO YOU YOUNG ONES. PERHAPS T'WOULD BE BEST FOR ME TO STAY ON BOARD TO KEEP THE SHIP SHAPE AND AN EYE ON BRONX!

YOU MAY NEED ME AS BACK-UP IN CASE ALL *ARMAGEDDON* BREAKS LOOSE!

PLUS, I NOTICED A *TV* BELOW DECK AND IT'S TIME FOR *SEINFELD!*

GOOD LUCK AND BLESS YOU ALL!

SPLISH!

I HOPE ALL YOUR ARMAMENT WILL PROVE UNNECESSARY, ELISA!
POINT TAKEN!
HAVE YOU EVER KNOWN A XANATOS FACILITY TO NOT BE ARMED TO THE TEETH?
WHAT A GAS! IF I HAD A WALKMAN PLAYING WAGNER, I'D FEEL LIKE I WAS IN APOCALYPSE NOW!
HEY! WHAT'S THAT? A SHOOTING STAR?
NO! IT'S SOME SORT OF AIRCRAFT... HEADING RIGHT FOR THE ISLAND!
IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S GOING TO HIT THAT MOUNTAIN!
VROOOO

WHAT?!

FOOP!

IT WENT THROUGH THE MOUNTAIN!

NOT THROUGH IT, INTO IT! THERE MUST BE A HIDDEN ENTRANCE INTO THE COMPLEX!

VTOL-1 CLEARED FOR LANDING ON MAIN FIELD.

PERFECT. THERE'S PHOBOS, WAITING FOR ME!

FOOOOOSH

WELCOME, SIR. EVERYTHING IS READY FOR YOU.

CONGRATULATIONS, PHOBOS. I HAVE HIGH HOPES FOR THE MEDUSA DEVICE.

NOW THAT WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO TRANSMUTE ORGANIC MATTER INTO STONE, NOTHING CAN STOP ME... LEAST OF ALL THE GARGOYLES!

THE ONE AND ONLY PROTOTYPE MODEL IS PACKED AND READY FOR YOU.

FINE. ONLY I'D LIKE TO SEE AN INSTRUCTIONAL DEMONSTRATION.

OF COURSE, SIR. WE'VE MODIFIED THE MEDUSA DEVICE INTO A *HEADSET DESIGN*.

IT MAKES FOR *SUPERIOR* TARGETING. YOU DIRECTLY SEE THE SUBJECT AND LOCK ON BEFORE FIRING. NO MARGIN OF ERROR!

... I'LL TAKE THAT *PROTOTYPE* OFF YOUR HANDS!

I CAN THINK OF *MANY* CREATIVE THINGS TO DO WITH SUCH A WEAPON!

IT LOOKS LIKE YOU REALLY DELIVERED FOR ME, PHOBOS. SUCCESS WILL BE REWARDED HANDSOMELY.

TELL ME, DOES THE POWER SOURCE-- EH?

FSSSSSS

HE..LO, DAVID...

DEMONA... I THINK YOU KNOW ME WELL ENOUGH TO UNDERSTAND I'M *SERIOUS* WHEN I SAY THAT YOU'LL *GET* THIS WEAPON...

... *OVER MY DEAD BODY!*

SO BE IT...

AND OUTSIDE THE COMPLEX...

IF THAT JET CAN GO THROUGH THE MOUNTAIN, SO CAN I!

BROADWAY, DON'T!

DON'T WORRY! HE'S GOT THE HARDEST HEAD OF US ALL!

VOOOOP

IT WORKED! THERE MUST BE SOME SORT OF HOLOGRAPHIC PROJECTION COVERING THE ENTRANCE!

LET'S FOLLOW HIM!

WOOPS!

UH OH!

KLIK

KLOK

CHK

KLAK

SHUNK

ARE THEY A HOLOGRAPHIC PROJECTION, TOO, ELISA?

CHAK

CHIK

REEET REEET REEET

INTRUDER ALERT: AIRFIELD

WHA---?!

NOW, WHILE SHE'S DISTRACTED...

... I'LL PRODUCE MY HANDY MINI-TAZER!

BZZzzz

FRRZZZT

ZAP

GCKK

HE'S ESCAPING THROUGH A PANEL I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW WAS THERE!

I'M A FOOL IF I THINK HE DOESN'T KNOW ALL MY SECRETS!

OOOOOH

PHOBOS, CALL SECURITY. I MUST GO SEE WHO OUR UNINVITED GUESTS ARE...

... THOUGH I HAVE A GOOD IDEA WHO IT IS.

YOU CAN'T BEAT XANATOS! HE ALWAYS HAS EVERY BASE COVERED!

SHUT UP!

I MEAN TO HAVE THE MEDUSA DEVICE...

... BY ANY MEANS POSSIBLE!

XANATOS'S HIRING STANDARDS SEEM TO BE SLIPPING!

THAT MAY BE) UH :-- TRUE...

... BUT THERE SURE ARE LOTS OF THEM!

KWAK

KEE-RUNCH

THAT TAKES CARE OF THE FIRST BATTALION... WHAT NEX...

B-KWIK-KWIK

XANATOS!

SO! MR. BIG MAKES A PERSONAL APPEARANCE!

UH OH! HE'S WEARING HIS STEEL CLAN GET UP! THAT USUALLY MEANS TROUBLE!

HOW NICE OF YOU TO NOTICE! HOWEVER, IT DOES HAVE ONE TINY MODIFICATION.

I'M SPORTING MY NEW HEADSET... OUTFITTED WITH THE MEDUSA DEVICE!

QUITE SIMPLY, IT MEANS YOU'RE FINISHED!

STAY AWARE! HE'S *UP* TO SOMETHING!

HA! THE NEW TECHNOLOGY PHOBOS INSTALLED IN THIS HEADSET MAKES THE TARGET SIGHTS REACT TO MY *OWN* EYE MOVEMENTS!

THIS IS *EASIER* THAN TAKING A *SNAPSHOT!*

READY... AIM...

SAY "CHEESE"!

BWOO

OSSSSH

YOWZA!

FWA

LOOK AT THAT *PLANT* HE HIT!

IT... IT'S TURNING TO...

FSSSS

KLIK KLAK KLIK KLAK

PUFF PUFF

THIS IS IT! CHAOS HAS BROKEN LOOSE AND IT'S EVERY MAN FOR HIMSELF!

THAT HARPY, DEMONA, HAS FOULED UP EVERYTHING!

IF EVER I NEEDED PERSONAL SECURITY, IT IS NOW...!

... AND I HAVE IT! I NEED IT SOONER THAN I WOULD'VE HOPED...

... I HAVEN'T HAD TIME TO FULLY PROGRAM HER, BUT SHE SHOULD HAVE HAD TIME TO ABSORB HER PRIMARY DIRECTIVE...

... TO OBEY ME COMPLETELY!

AH, YES, MY PET! I SEE YOU THRASHING, YEARNING TO BE FREE!

ONE LAST CHARGE OF THANA-RAYS AND YOU WILL BE ABLE TO...

... BURST FREE!

SPLUUURRCH

YES, MY CHILD, COME CLOSER! YOU ARE STEADY ON YOUR FEET! GRACEFUL, LIKE A GAZELLE!

YET AS DEADLY AS A LION!

FASCINATING! YOU SEEM TO EXHIBIT A SENSE OF... MODESTY!

HERE! WRAP THIS AROUND YOURSELF AND STAND TALL IN YOUR NEW WORLD!

BEAUTIFUL. BEAUTIFUL! YOU ARE TRULY ONE OF MY MORE EXOTIC CREATIONS! CAN YOU SPEAK?!

WH-WHO... WHO AM I?!

I WILL CALL YOU VENUS, AS A TESTIMONY TO YOUR BEAUTY!

WH-WHY AM I HERE?

SOLELY TO DO MY BIDDING! FIRST, YOU WILL USE YOUR STRENGTH AND GUILE TO DEFEAT SOME NUISANCES... MAINLY XANATOS, DEMONA AND THE OTHER GARGOYLES!

HOW?

WHY, KILL THEM!

NEXT ISSUE: VENUS RISING!

WRITTEN IN STONE

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LISA ZAMPELLA
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Dear Hildy,

Thanks for printing my letter. I really appreciate it! The Gargoyles Fan Club keeps getting bigger every day! Also, I would like to address Jatona Walker's letter in GARGOYLES #3. They mentioned in the letter about exploring who "fashioned the Gargoyles." In the TV show, they talk about the "rookery", where the Gargoyles' eggs are kept. They were hatched, not carved! Please print my address this time, so others who wish to know about the club can reach me without a computer. Thanks!

Kyle Cummings
President, Gargoyles Fan Club
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Cypress, TX 77429

Sounds like you guys are having some fun! For more info about Kyle's fan club, drop him a line!

Dear Written in Stone,

Unfortunately, I missed your first issue, but I did manage to get the second. I like the fact that you've managed to keep true to the TV series. This is the first time that I've really gotten into a comic book. One reason I picked up the comic is that I love the Gargoyles show and another is that I like to draw. I drew a few of the Gargoyles after reading the comic. I just wanted to say "keep up the great work" and I'll continue to get the magazine. Thanks for giving me the chance to find good pictures of my favorite characters so I could finally draw them!

Sara Rosera, age 18
Portland, OR

Thanks for giving the GARGOYLES comic a chance, Sara. It's funny how a lot of our readers are not regular comic buyers, but they sure are a creative lot! Judging by our mail, there're many artists and writers out there who are inspired by this comic. But, don't keep it to yourself! Make sure all your friends know how cool the GARGOYLES comic is!

Dear Hildy and Lisa,

Yes, yes! Please do a GARGOYLES: Year One series! I'd love to know more about their origins, and it would be great, albeit tragic, to learn more about some of their comrades who were destroyed so long ago in Scotland. You know, I'd like to think other Gargoyles exist in such old cities as Prague or Leipzig. Perhaps one day, they'll find their way to New York and befriend Goliath and company.

Like other fans, I'm glad this book contains new stories rather than mere adaptations of the cartoon. You know the blue, dog-like Gargoyle who doesn't speak and is treated pretty much as a pet? Does he have a name? In GARGOYLES #3, it was wonderful watching him struggle with bubble gum and ultimately getting it all over his face. This was all done in the background while the others talked. Charming details like this are part of what makes this book so excellent. Thanks for such a great adventure!

Geri Fox, age 37
Lawrence, NJ
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Part of the fun of reading GARGOYLES is checking out the background action! Big thanks to incredible artist Amanda Conner for all the cool detail in every panel! Be sure to tune in this fall for the GARGOYLES second television season (they'll be on FIVE days a week!) and don't miss a single issue of GARGOYLES comics — there're some tasty tidbits coming up that will answer your questions about the early days! The gargoyle beast is indeed a pet and goes by the moniker, BRONX. Because you fans demanded it, look for a story featuring him in a future issue!

Dear GARGOYLE Writers,

I think the Gargoyles would look better in leather jackets! I was wondering what kind of lab experiments would they do to Goliath if they caught him? My favorite Gargoyles are Lexington and Brooklyn because of their interests in 20th Century stuff. Keep up the good work and Hildy, don't sweat too heavy!

Tony Douglas, age 13
Marble Hill, MO

Brooklyn often sports a leather jacket when he goes motorcycle riding, Tony, but the other Gargoyles might not like having their wings restrained in jackets! Funny you should mention experiments. Did you notice the beautiful creature on the last panel of this month's story? Don't miss next month, Tony, because Goliath and Elisa are involved in some very bizarre clone work!

Dear GARGOYLES,

I really like Amanda Conner's artwork. My favorite Gargoyles are Brooklyn and Lexington. What's Lexington got to do with New York? All the Gargoyles have names from New York! Why?

Travis Taylor
Owen Sound, Canada

Back in ancient Wyvern, the Gargoyles had no need of proper names. It wasn't until they woke up a thousand years later that, with the help of Elisa Maza, they named themselves out of modern necessity. All of them, except Goliath, decided to take their names from different parts of their new home, New York City. Lexington is named after Lexington Avenue.

Dear Gargoyles,

I think I am the biggest Gargoyles fan there is! I have bought everything about Gargoyles I can find. I've got the video, all of the GARGOYLES comics, those tiny toys from Burger King and I get up at 7 A.M. every Friday, just so I can see the show. I think Gargoyles is the best animated action show on TV. Your comics are extremely good and I'm so glad you aren't doing any of the same plots as on TV.

Waiting for your next comic,
Ben O'Brian
Toronto, Ontario
Canada

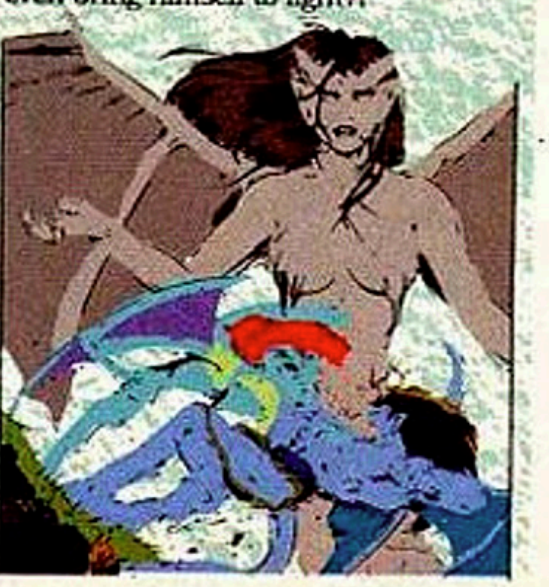
Now that Gargoyles will be on every day next fall, Ben, hope you don't mind waking up *every* morning at 7! And just to remind all of our readers, to make sure you never miss an issue of GARGOYLES, you can reserve a copy at your favorite comic shop or subscribe and every issue will be delivered right to you! Subscription forms are in this very comic!

Dear Written in Stone,

Ever since I saw the first Gargoyles show on TV, I was hooked. I started buying all the Gargoyle things I could! I bought the *Disney Adventures* magazine and even bought statues of them for my room! Now I have some ideas for your GARGOYLES comic. First, I think you should let Bronx and Hudson have bigger parts in the comic. Second, I think it would be neat if the Gargoyles met other gargoyles. The last thing is, I think it would be cool if David Xanatos made a potion that turns people into Gargoyles, then he would drink it and turn into a Gargoyle. Then he could have a fair fight with Goliath and the others!

Andrew Bartolotta, age 13
North Port, FL

Those are some neat ideas, Andrew. New writer Mort Todd plans to showcase more of the other Gargoyles, while still focusing on Goliath and Elisa. And what do you think of the current storyline where the Gargoyles encounter a new creature: part human/part gargoyle?

Next Month:

Goliath is up against a humanoid Gargoyle that looks and acts like Elisa. How can he defeat an opponent he can't even bring himself to fight?!